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Examiner: Duc Minh Nguyen

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 25, 28, 30, 31 and 33 in this application, with claims 25, 28, and 33 being independent claims. Claims 26, 27, 29, 32, 34 and 35 have been canceled, and claims 25, 28 and 33 have been amended.

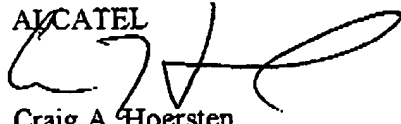
Applicants have amended independent claim 25 to substantially include all the limitations of dependent claims 26, and have amended independent claim 28 to substantially include all the limitations of dependent claim 29, and independent claim 33 has been amended to substantially included all the limitations of dependent claim 34. As the Examiner has acknowledged that claims 26, 29-30 and 34 are directed to allowable subject matter if rewritten in independent form and including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, Applicants assert that independent claims 25, 28 and 33 are patentable over the cited references.

It is believed that the foregoing amendment places the Application in condition for allowance; therefore, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the Examiner's rejections and full allowance of same.

Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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